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STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION		(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 337019	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. BUILDING _____ B. WING _____		(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED C 09/27/2011
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER VNA OF ALBANY, SARATOGA, RENSSELAER CHHA			STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 35 COLVIN AVENUE ALBANY, NY 12206		
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